

AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the first line please insert:

This is a National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/JP04/014896 filed on October 1, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent 2003-345125 filed October 3, 2003, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

On page 4 please replace the third paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

(2) The infusion preparation according to the above (1), which comprises at least one selected from a metal salt of phosphoric acid, a metal salt of carbonic acid, a metal salt of sulfurous acid, a metal salt of organic sulfonic acid and a metal salt of organic C2-6 carboxylic acid, ~~as a source of the basic metal ion,~~ and optionally further comprises a metal hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic metal ion.

On page 5 please replace the fourth paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

(10) The infusion preparation according to the above (1), which comprises about 1 to about 5 equivalents of the basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof; comprises at least one selected from a sodium salt of phosphoric acid and a sodium salt of carbonic acid, ~~as a source of the basic sodium ion,~~ and optionally further comprises sodium hydroxide, as a source(s) of the basic sodium ion; and has a pH of about 5.0 to about 9.0.